

Subject: Comment on Orca Habitat Protection
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To whom it may concern:

I understand you are taking public comment on Orca protection. I am a member and supporter of People for Puget Sound. I also am a member of the Whale Museum. One day I saw a pod of orcas traveling near the beach in North Seattle. I realized what magnificent creatures they are and how dependent they are on large quantities of fish and other marine life. They also hold in their tissues great concentrations of pollutants. I grew up in Seattle before there were protections for orcas. In fact, they were captured for amusement at the Seattle waterfront. Although there are relatively few left, we have an opportunity to increase their chances of survival by designating the shorelines and the important (for orcas) area between Pt Townsend, Whidbey and the San Juan Islands, where the orcas are often seen. As you know, they often chase prey into shallow water.

I trust you will do the right thing.

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